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**ARTHUR GUTIERREZ, JR. SENTENCED
IN SAN ANTONIO LAW ENFORCEMENT CORRUPTION CASE**

(SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS) This afternoon, United States District Judge Edward C. Prado sentenced 39-year-old former San Antonio Police Officer **ARTHUR GUTIERREZ, JR.** to 180 months in federal prison for attempting to aid in the distribution of more than five kilograms of cocaine.

In addition, Judge Prado ordered that Gutierrez pay a \$500 fine and be placed on supervised release for a period of five years after completing his prison term.

On April 9, 2002, a jury convicted Gutierrez on the charge of attempting to aid and abet the distribution and possession with intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine. The jury found that on September 21, 2000, Gutierrez provided protection services for an undercover agent posing as a drug dealer in exchange for approximately \$2,500. Gutierrez provided protection during a drug deal involving what he believed to be 15 kilograms of cocaine.

Gutierrez was among twelve individuals who were arrested on March 22, 2001, by special agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and San Antonio Police officers in connection with an undercover investigation that focused on official corruption. Assistant United States Attorneys David Counts and Bill Baumann are prosecuting this case on behalf of the Government.

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